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**REMARKS** 

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and

requests reconsideration of the subject application based on the foregoing amendments and the

following remarks.

Claims 1-7 and 9-16 are pending in the subject application. Claim 8 was previously

canceled.

Claims 1-7 and 9-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 3-4, 7, and 10 were amended to only address the Examiner's non-art based

rejections.

Claims 2, 5, 6, 9, 11-12, and 14-16 were amended to be consistent with the amended

language of the corresponding base claim.

The amendments to the claims are supported by the originally filed disclosure.

35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH REJECTIONS

Claims 1-7 and 9-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 on the grounds that there are

antecedent basis, indefiniteness and/or vagueness concerns with the identified claims. It is

further indicated in the Office Action that claims 2, 6, 9, and 11-16 stand rejected because they

depend from a base claim having an identified concern. Applicant respectfully traverses. The

following addresses the rejections provided by the Examiner.

As provided in MPEP-2173.05(a), "[i]f the claims, read in light of the specification,

reasonably apprise those skilled in the art both of the utilization and scope of the invention, and if

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the language is precise as the subject matter permits, the statute (35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph)

demands no more..." (citations omitted). Also, MPEP-2173.04 provides that breadth of a claim is

not to be equated with indefiniteness (citations omitted). It is clear from the foregoing remarks that

one skilled in the art would, upon reading the claims in light of the specification, understand and be

apprised of the scope of the invention and its utilization.

Applicant respectfully submits that one skilled in the art after reading the subject

application, such as for example the discussion on pages 37-41, 46-49 and 50-51 thereof, would

have understood and been apprised of the scope of the present invention. However, Applicant in

the interests of advancing prosecution have amended the language of the independent claims so it

is more clear as to what image data is being stored when and where as well as what data is being

processed and when and where the processed data is being stored. Applicant thus believes that

the areas of rejection have been identified and addressed in the foregoing amendment.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-7 and 9-16 satisfy the requirements

of 35 U.S.C. §112 and, as such, are in a condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance.

Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicant believes that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within

Response. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed

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for any excess fee paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit

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